

Application No. 09/414,483  
Amendment dated November 5, 2004  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (currently amended):

In a combination in a building structure,

a pair of vertical lengths of lumber;

a horizontal length of lumber and

a metal corner connector interconnecting said vertical and horizontal lengths,

said corner connector comprising an intermediate sections, at least one lateral flange projecting horizontally from said intermediate section and a vertical flange projecting upwardly from said intermediate section;

said vertical and horizontal lengths of lumber having ends in abutment with said intermediate section[[s]] of said corner connector and in the face-to-face contact with said vertical and lateral flanges, respectively; and

said vertical flange extending between said vertical lengths.

Claim 25-28 (cancelled)

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Claim 29- 34 (previously presented)

Claim 35 (cancelled)

Claim 36-39 (previously presented)

Claim 40 (cancelled)

Claim 41 (previously presented)

Claim 42-44 (cancelled)

Claim 45 (new):

A building structure as claimed in claim 24, wherein said horizontal length of lumber is one of a pair of horizontal lengths of lumber, said intermediate portion of said corner connection is box-shaped and a pair of said lateral flanges extend from mid-sections of opposite sides of said box-shaped intermediate portion and fit snugly on the tops of said horizontal lengths of lumber.

Claim 46 (new):

A building structure as claimed in claim 45, wherein the sides of the box-shaped intermediate portion are flush with the sides of the vertical and horizontal lengths of lumber.